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REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the non-final Official Action mailed September 21, 2006 which imposed a *second* Restriction Requirement in the present application. Accordingly, Applicant makes the following additional election and requests that examination of the elected claims on their merits be promptly conducted in light of the following remarks.

Previously, in the first Restriction Requirement, claims 19-46 were withdrawn from consideration. In the outstanding Office Action, the Office now alleges that the remaining claims, claims 1-18 and 47-52, are further drawn to two independent and patentably distinct inventions. The claims are grouped as follows:

Claim Group 1: Claims 1-18; and

Claim Group 2: Claims 47-52.

In response, Applicant elects Claim Group 1, claims 1-18 for immediate examination. All other original claims are labeled as "withdrawn" herein.

Applicant does not disclaim the subject matter of any withdrawn claim and reserves the right to file any number of continuation or divisional applications to the withdrawn claims or to any other subject matter described in the present application.

New claim 53 has been added in the present paper. New claim 53 is dependent on elected claim 1 and is part of the elected subject matter.

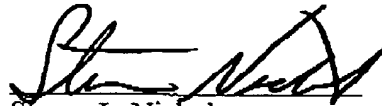
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An examination of claims 1-18 and 53 on their merits is now respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions which could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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